

# Eugene O'Neill

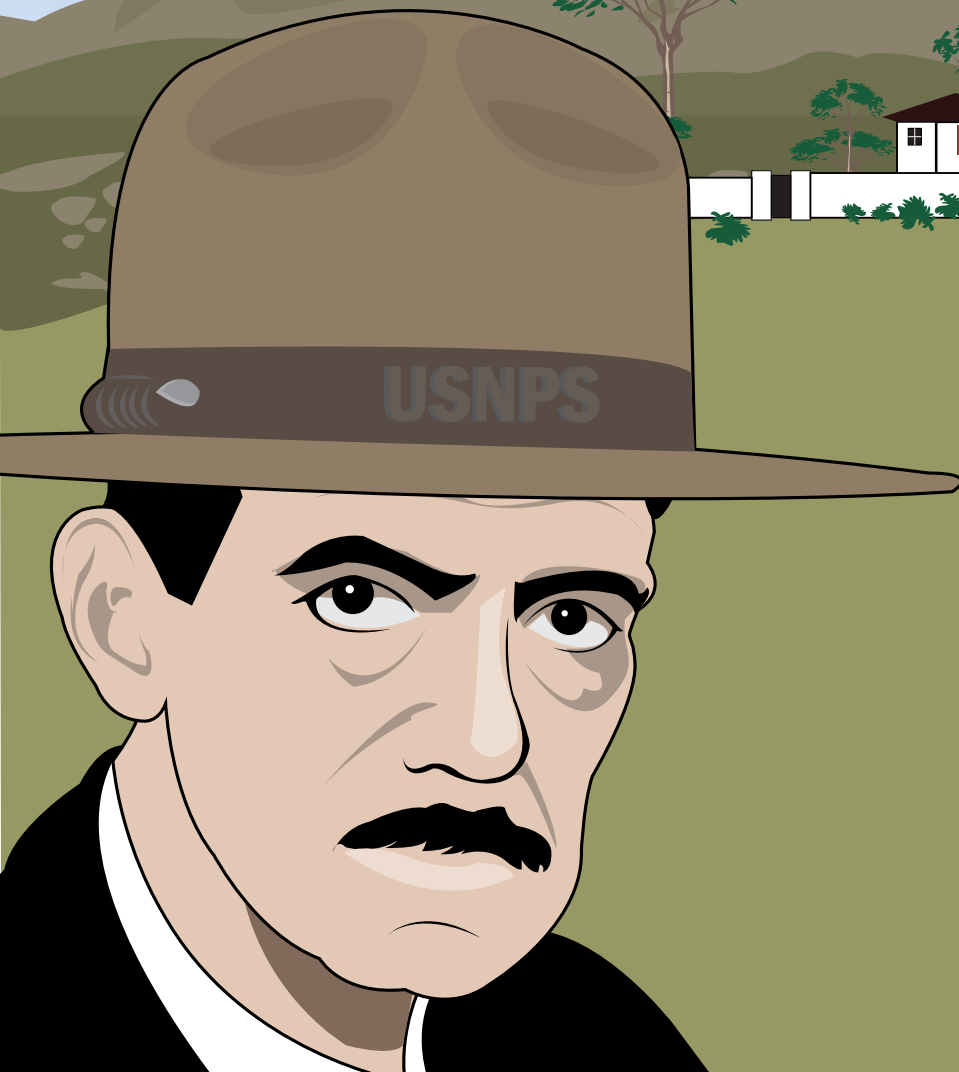
## National Historic Site

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# Junior Ranger

## Activity Book



# These are YOUR

**There are over 400 National Park sites that belong to YOU.  
How many have you visited?**

Some nearby parks are pictured on the map below. Write the name of each park near its location on the map (or draw a line from the name to the place).



# National Parks!



## Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site

was the home of America's only Nobel (a prize awarded to very important artists and scientists) Prize-winning playwright. He lived here at Tao (pronounced Dao) house from 1937 to 1944 and wrote his most famous plays upstairs in his study.

Eugene O'Neill changed American playwrighting forever by writing about regular people and the hard truths that we all face in our lives. Imagine you are here in the early 1940s, when Eugene O'Neill was busy in his study, writing his most famous works. As a Junior Ranger, we are taught to **Explore, Learn and Protect**.

**Explore the house to discover clues about this famous playwright, his work and why we should treasure it forever.**



# Be a Tao Detective

**Explore Tao house to find the answers to the following questions (you can ask a ranger for clues):**

1. What is the name of this house? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which important prize was awarded to Eugene O'Neill in 1936?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the name of Eugene O'Neill's wife, who lived here and helped design this house? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who was Blemie? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How many things can you find in the house that have to do with the sea? \_\_\_\_\_

**See if you can find these items and discover their purpose:**



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# Tao of the O'Neills

**Tao house is named after the Chinese philosophy or “way of life.”**

The goal is to achieve harmony and balance with the world and one-self. The house was designed using opposite elements to move energy through it. These elements work together to create balance, as represented by the Yin-Yang symbol below. Did you notice the blue ceiling and brown floor? These colors were chosen by Carlotta to represent heaven and earth.

**Fill in the words on the the left (Yin), that have the opposite meaning of the words on the right (Yang).**



# Where am I?

The setting of a play gives the audience an idea of where the action takes place and makes them feel like they are part of the action. Draw or describe a part of your life as if it were the setting for a play.

# What a Character!



**Eugene O'Neill was known for revealing the inner thoughts of his characters.**

Write or draw what you believe each character is thinking or feeling.



# Masks

**O'Neill used masks in his plays to hide or reveal the true feelings of his characters.**

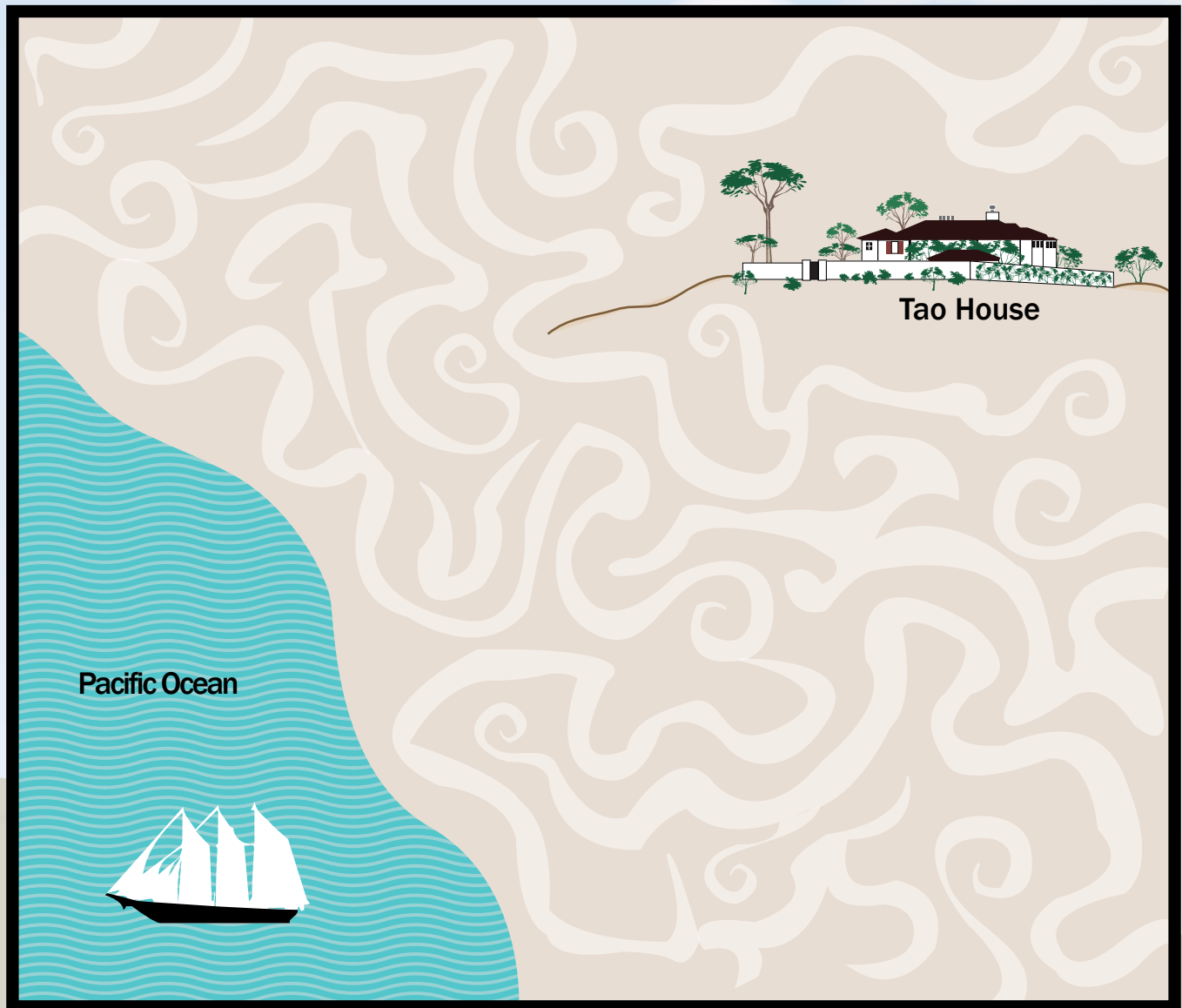
Design a mask that shows an emotion.





# Beyond the Horizon

**Eugene O'Neill loved the sea. Even though he lived far away from it, he brought many things to Tao house from his days as a sailor, which reminded him of the ocean.**  
Help Eugene find his way through the “fog maze” back to the sea.



**“It was a mistake, my being born a man. I would have been much more successful as a seagull or a fish.**

-Eugene O'Neill, *Long Days Journey Into Night*

# Wildlife Bingo

**How many of these plants/animals can you find?**



**western fence lizard**



**walnut tree**



**ground squirrel**



**iceplant**



**park ranger**



**bobcat**



**animal evidence**



**valley oak**



**acorn woodpecker**

# Guess Who?



**Choose a person or animal that you learned about. Then, find a park ranger and ask them to guess who your secret person/animal is. The ranger can ask you 3 questions and gets one guess.**

**Secret person/animal:**

Question 1:

Question 2:

Question 3:

**Ranger's Guess:**

**"To work hard at something you want to accomplish is the only way to be happy."**

-Eugene O'Neill



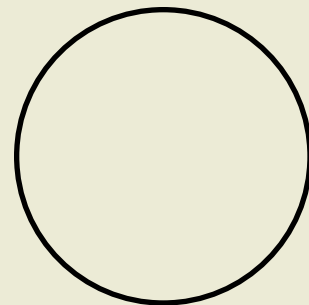
# Junior Ranger Pledge

I \_\_\_\_\_ **promise to:**  
(state your name)

- **Explore my environment and the world around me**
- **Learn and respect our nation's history**
- **Take only pictures and leave only footprints**
- **Protect and treasure Eugene O'Neill  
National Historic Site and all National Parks**

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Your Signature

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Official Signature



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